

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



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Week of August 17—23



COMMUNITY ALERT

Silver Spring Neighborhood
Back to School Event!

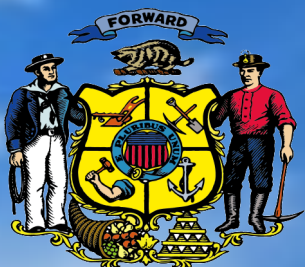
Please Join Me and my Staff
for information on:
Community Resources
Jobs and Career Opportunities
Driver's License Help
Legal Issues Help

Wednesday, August 27th
5PM -7PM
5460 N 64th St, Milwaukee,
WI 53218

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the
legislative update. I hope you
find the information provided
here useful.

As Always, I'm
Here to Serve!



NUMBERS DON'T LIE

Governor Walker's decision to reject federal dollars to expand BadgerCare continues to plague our state. We already knew that his actions would leave thousands of some of the most vulnerable in our state uninsured, but recent reports are finding that it is going to affect the entire state. The report from the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau found if Wisconsin had accepted the dollars offered under the Affordable Care Act, taxpayers could have saved more than \$500 million over the next 3 1/2 years. This reckless, misguided, and politically motivated stunt negatively impacts both the health, and the economic security of our state. Around the nation, Democratic and Republican Governors have accepted the dollars, and are seeing great improvements! This is not a partisan issue! I call on Governor Walker to do what is right for Wisconsin and accept the federal dollars to expand BadgerCare so no one is left in the lurch when they need help most.



LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS



All eyes have been on Ferguson, Missouri over the past few weeks. This tragic incident is unfortunately not the first of its kind, and unlikely to be the last. No matter what the circumstances are surrounding these events, it's clear that we need to re-evaluate how we are training our law enforcement officers, both for the protection of citizens and officers. Standards should include not only arrest protocol and firearm proficiency, but also cultural competency and mental health training. Before punishing anyone — we must first understand them, otherwise it is impossible to fully comprehend their motives. Misunderstandings have led to the increased violence and mistrust we see today. This has been the driving force behind 2013 Act 214, which I was proud to help pass in the last session. Act 214 strengthens the training standards for our police officers. This is only the first step. I intend to work to ensure that Milwaukee does not become ground zero for the next tragedy.



Woman's Equality Day!

Tuesday, August 26th
5:30—7:00 PM

All Peoples Church
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REINVESTING IN PARENTS, STUDENTS

The school year is quickly approaching, and as parents we all have one thing on our mind — our children's education. With 85% of kids in Milwaukee reading below grade level, there are few causes more in need of our attention than education. I have been working to reinvest dollars into creating a network of parent centers in Milwaukee. Based on successful models used by St. Louis and Milwaukee's own COA, parent centers are places where parents and students alike can get support. Students can get help with reading and outside classroom learning, while parents can learn how to become more engaged, and access information about job opportunities and social services. Parent centers allow us to pool our resources and to further invest in our children and ultimately, in our future.



NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONTH

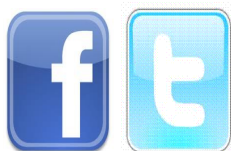


August is National Water Quality Month! Safe water is one of our most basic needs. It allows us to cook, bathe, and offers something refreshing to drink. Safe water sources may seem plentiful, but they are not endless. Less than 1% of the water on Earth is actually usable by humans. If we don't maintain their quality, our access to clean water will continue to shrink. Milwaukee sets a great example and leads the nation in water quality and conservation. The average US citizen uses 80-100 gallons of water each day while a typical Milwaukee resident uses only 43 gallons. Doing things like shortening your showers, avoiding antibacterial soaps, fixing leaks, and properly disposing of old prescriptions helps to ensure the safety and security of our water sources.

Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us!
We Enjoy
Hearing
From You!

"We are united in common values, and includes belief in equality under the law, a basic respect for public order, and the right to peaceful public protest, a reverence for the dignity of every man, woman, and child among us, and the need for accountability when it comes to our government." — Barack Obama



"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much it is whether we provide enough for those who have little." — Franklin D. Roosevelt